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SUBJECT: 2008 TIP REPORT DELIVERED TO LITHUANIAN OFFICIALS

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¶1. Darius Staniulis, head of the MFA's Human Rights and NGO division, was pleased to learn that Lithuania remained in Tier 1 when we shared the 2008 TIP report with him on June 4.

He noted that both police and NGOs noticed a considerable decrease in identified victims over the last two years and said he feels this is evidence that anti-TIP efforts in Lithuania have been effective. He added that the GOL is considering making TIP a priority issue when it holds the chair of the OSCE in 2011.

¶2. We shared the TIP report via email with other GOL officials on June 4 and with relevant local NGOs on June 5. We posted the English version of the TIP report on Post's website on June 5 and will post the Lithuanian translation as soon as it is available.

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